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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PROJECTS FOR TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC  
ISLANDS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 6852, (B) GENEVA 6967

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FOLLOWS:

(A) THE UN TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH THE USG  
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(TTPI), CONTINUES TO APPLY TO ENTIRE TTPI AND IT IS  
USG INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY  
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MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COVENANT, NORTHERN MARIANS ISLANDS  
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BOTH REPORT TO INTERIOR THROUGH THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS (DOTA).

(B) YES.

(C) YES, THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ARE A "DISTRICT" OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WHEN THE LATTER IS USED AS A LEGAL TERM. THE NMI NOW ARE ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY AND CAN AND DO HANDLE THEIR AFFAIRS APART FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TTPI.

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